

## 3809 REPORT OF INSPECTION

S/047/048

Date: April 27, 2005 Time: about 9:20 am Location: T.5S. R.24E. Sec 6 Lots 6 and 13 and W2SENW

Operator present during inspection: No (I was accompanied by John Mayers, Geologist VFO)

Serial no. of notice: UTU 66354 (Haslem project area) Is the operation active? No (expired)

Description of operations (including access, reclamation, etc.): The subject area is in substantially the same condition as observed during the May 2005 inspection. Some of the desirable vegetation has grown, however, cheat grass seems to be quite prolific. A number of noxious thistle or knapweed plants are starting to grow in the south-central part of the project area. The vegetation cover is still inadequate when compared with the adjacent undisturbed ground. Vehicles (probably pick-up trucks) had driven across the area (apparently when the ground was wet, as evidenced by the depth of the rutting) even after the prior series of ruts had been ripped in September 2004 (as the BLM dozer was traveling back from conducting reclamation on adjacent (to the south) expired notice UTU66358 (see particularly images 6 and 7 attached). A "reclaimed area no vehicular traffic" sign is posted at the northwestern end of this area. A road closed sign was posted along the old 2 track trail that used to access this project area (see image 1) but vehicles had diverted around it.

Is the operation in compliance with the notice on file and/or the stipulations of the approved plan? (if No describe deficiencies): Yes (generally). The operator of record conducted reshaping and seeding of the area in accordance with decision letters issued by this office. Drought conditions have retarded the effort to re-establish native vegetation. Remedial actions the operator should undertake so as to facilitate revegetation was cited in the 6/4/2003 notice expiration decision and in an August 13, 2004 advisory letter (in advance of BLM's reclamation of the 66358 project area to the south).

	signature	print name/title	date
Inspector	<u>original signed</u>	Peter Sokolosky/Geologist	<u>April 29, 2005</u>
Management	<u>original signed</u>	Howard Cleavinger/AFFMMR	<u>May 2, 2005</u>

Attachment: Digital images (with descriptions)

Distribution: original to surface management case file UTU66354  
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< image 1 view to south of former 6654 access that is signed as "closed" (on post in middle image). A wider wheel based vehicle had driven off-road to right and rutted the ground, more recent ATV tracks are seen in the path of this old two-track (that was ripped in August 2004)



< image 2 view to west (from near SE corner of old project area), vehicular rutting along the south part of the reshaped area is at left in image (rutting continues along west side of reshaped 66354 area (northward past the signs in images 6 and 1) and southward across reshaped [expired notice area] UTU66358. Emerging noxious thistle or knapweed is toward the center of the image.



< image 3 view to west-northwest (pan to the right of image 2. Vehicular rutting runs left to right in the image. The reshaped area is mostly from the rutted area to the lower part of the image. A more cobbly area is coming into view at the left side of the image.



< image 4, view to northwest (pan to the right of image 3 above. Rutting is still evident from left to right. Area of sparsely vegetated cobble is at right.





< image 5 view to north (pan to the right of image 4 above) looking at eastern and northern part of reshape area.



< figure 6 view to southeast (from outside the northwestern part of the reshaped project area. Two-track trail access to the project area was from the left. "Reclaimed area, no vehicular traffic" sign is posted at left (where the access entered the project area; vehicles drove around and rutted the ground. Majority of reshaped area is from upper left to right in image.



< figure 7 view to south of rutting that went around the west side of the sign posted (same as in the left side of image 6)